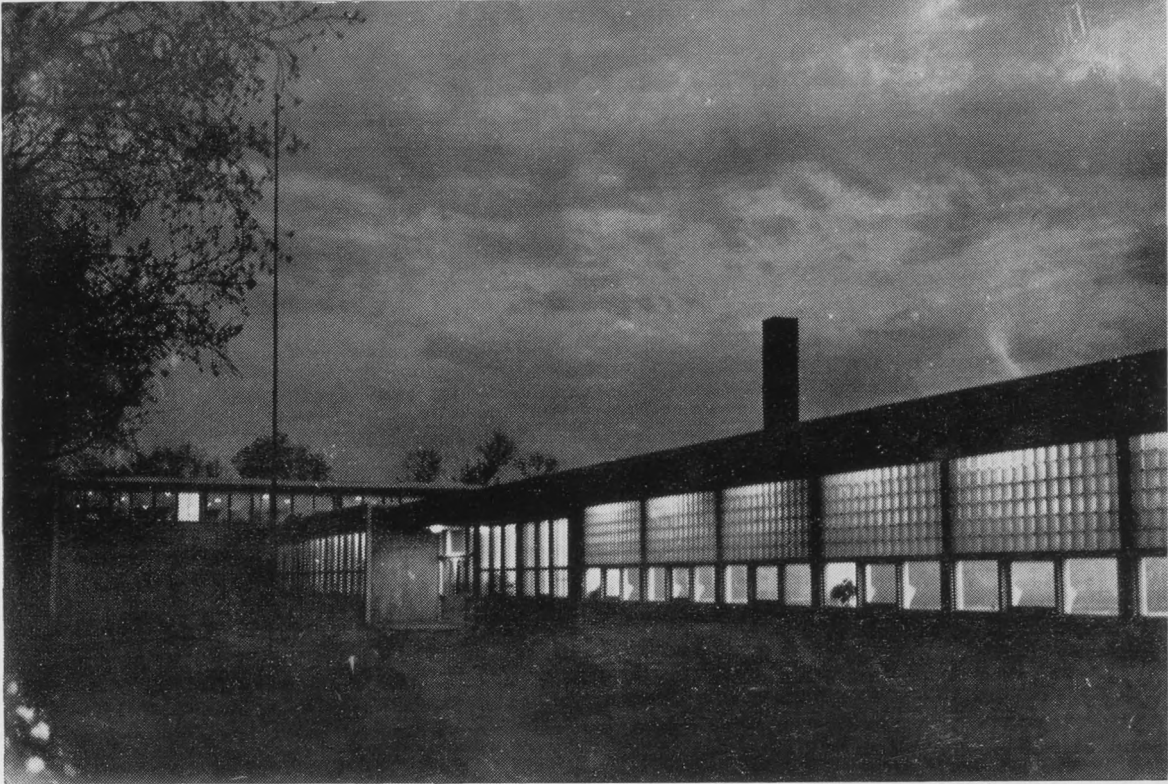


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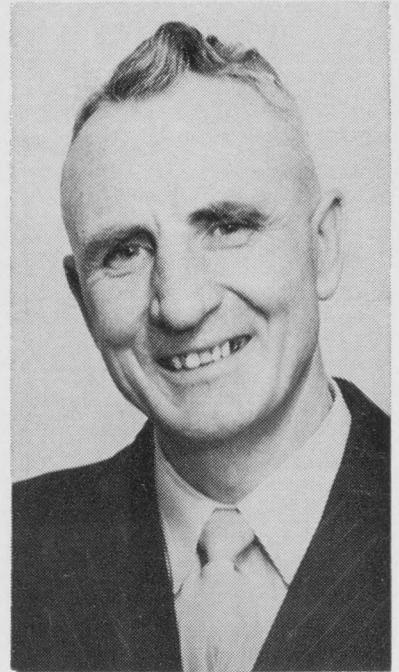
*Carl Beatty
Jr.*



Dedication

TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TOWARD
THE CREATION OF YESTERDAY'S VISION, TO-
DAY'S REALITY, AND TOMORROW'S REWARD,
THIS BOOK IS GRATEFULLY DEDICATED

Inspector's Message



As the school term draws to a close it is well for us to pause for a while, think on the events of the year, assess the worth of each, and make resolutions for the future. A school consists not of buildings alone, but is largely an intangible thing often spoken of as tradition. The real Altona School is not a beautiful new edifice, but something much older. It is a thing that has been built during the years by the efforts of former students, teachers, caretakers and trustees. It includes the class photographs on the walls, the trophies displayed, the school colors, the year-books, the customary parties—in short, all those things which recall to mind the efforts of those who preceded you, and which have to a large extent governed your actions and thoughts during your school life.

You who are graduating this year will find much to remember with pleasure in the years

to come. You have studied faithfully and well, you have enriched your lives by participating in sports, drama, debating, and music festival. You have sought to maintain the standards set by others before you. You have given your best, and you have the satisfaction of knowing that your teachers and parents are proud of your work. Your triumphs and successes have become a part of the tradition of Altona School. The laurels you have won, the standards of excellence you have set, the moral worth of your lives—all these are no longer yours alone, but have become a part of the institution, and in the years to come you will be proud to know that others are striving to follow in your footsteps, to maintain and improve the standards set by you, and to be worthy to attend your school.

J. W. Butcher.



Chairman's Message

On behalf of the Altona School Board, it gives me great pleasure to extend our heartiest congratulations to the students and staff of the Altona Collegiate.

To the graduates must go special greetings. To them it represents the end of at least one phase of their education and the beginning of another. To them, I understand, goes the major credit for the publication of this yearbook. We trust that the years spent in the Altona School system have laid the best groundwork possible and that this last half term will, in part, make up for those other years of difficult conditions.

We sincerely believe that the Student Council can and does contribute tremendously toward a happy school. We greatly appreciate the efforts of this body, both for their contribution toward school morale and for the purchases made for

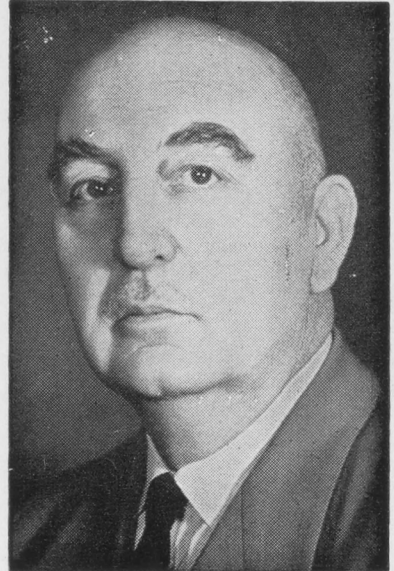
the school. The fact that much time and effort have gone into making the purchases possible at this time speaks to us of a true interest in this collegiate.

The role of the school board in the operation of the education facilities of any school becomes ever more important. You have our assurance that we will be constantly seeking ways by which we can better serve the youth of our community. We feel that with the facilities added in this past term we have come a long way. Doubtless other problems will arise but with the co-operation of the staff and student body we hope that we can constantly improve and make our school THE SCHOOL for us.

Once again, congratulations, and the best wishes of the Board for a successful school term.

Art Braun,
Chairman, Altona School Board.

Message From Mr. Miller



To the Students of Altona Collegiate:

I am happy to extend through your yearbook our sincere best wishes from the Department of Education.

Life, in many respects, is measured by milestones. Each school year, but more particularly the final one, is a most significant milestone. Graduation from school has thus become a very important event in your lives. It is the climax of all your efforts and ambitions so far. It is a time to reflect upon the sincerity of your efforts and it is a time to consider again the direction of your ambitions.

It may interest you to know that we have followed with interest your progress through school. Our school inspectors have visited you regularly. We have been interested in your teachers and the trustees of your school. They have all worked to provide a good education for you. Are you now ready to accept the challenge of life and in turn give to the world in even greater measure than it has already given to you? If you give less you will be ever in its debt; if you are prepared to give more, consider your school days have been well spent and that you are a person of whom we shall all be proud. I am sure you are ready to accept the challenge.

W. C. Miller, Minister of Education.



A. C. KROEKER, B.A., B.Pd.

Drama and Poetry, Grade XII
 German, Grade XII
 Literature, Grade XI
 Composition, Grade XI
 Guidance, Grade X, XI, IX
 Typing, Grade X, XI
 Geography, Grade X
 Music, Grade IX
 Choir Conductor

Principal's Message

The past school year has seen the fruition of the hopes and aspirations of what may justly be called one of the most educational-conscious communities in our province. The new Collegiate is now a reality—a lasting monument to the trust and faith which the citizens of Altona place in their most prized possession—their children. The additional space and modern facilities which are now at our disposal, have already done much to augment the efficiency of the educational process, and will undoubtedly continue to do so in ever increasing measure in the years to come.

Education is big business. To function effectively, it requires the combined efforts of the school, the homes, the churches, the School Board, the Department of Education with its divisional representative, and sundry public service organizations. In our community, these various institutions, like the component parts of a great, well co-ordinated leviathan, have rendered yeoman service in providing the best possible educational opportunities for our young people. Sustained effort in this direction cannot help but pay rewarding dividends in the future.

At the very core of the youth's education is, of course, the classroom teacher who daily works with the raw material. It has given me much personal satisfaction to work with the teachers

who have staffed our schools during the past year, not only because each has fulfilled the task of classroom tuition so effectively, but because all have given me much kind and indulgent co-operation in this, my "freshman" year at administrative duties.

But the final responsibility of drawing maximum returns from the educational process rests with the student himself, for he and he alone, can integrate the knowledge which he has acquired at school, with the work-a-day world into which he will step with alarming abruptness when he leaves the cloistered halls of his alma mater.

With the graduates of '56, I would like to leave the simple, yet profound lesson implied in an ancient Grecian legend which tells of a boy who attempted to outwit the Oracle. With a live bird in his hand he approached the sage's presence. He would ask him, "Is the bird dead?" If he answered "Yes," the boy would open his hand and let it fly away. If the Oracle said, "It is alive," he would crush it in his hand and drop it dead to the ground. So the boy came to the Oracle. "Is this bird dead or alive?" The Oracle looked long and searchingly into the young man's face. "My lad, it is as you will, it is in your hands!"

FACULTY



J. I. WARKENTIN, B.Sc.

Chemistry, Grade XII
History, Grade XI
Chemistry, Grade XI
Algebra, Grade XI
Science, Grade X
German, Grade X
Composition, Grade IX
Literature, Grade IX
Health, Grade IX



H. H. GOERTZEN, B.A.

Composition and Novel,
Grade XII
History, Grade XII
German, Grade XI
Geometry, Grade XI
Literature, Grade X
Business Practice, Grade X
Geometry, Grade X
Mathematics, Grade IX
History, Grade IX



H. T. THIESSEN, B.Sc.

Mathematics, Grade XII
Physics, Grade XII
Physics, Grade XI
Composition, Grade X
Algebra, Grade X
German, Grade IX
Science, Grade IX

SCHOOL BOARD



Mr. D. D. Stobbe
(secretary-treasurer)



Mr. Art Braun
(chairman)



Mr. D. M. Friesen



Mr. Jack Thiessen



Mr. J. C. Sawatsky

Valedictory

We, the graduating class of 1956, in this brief moment of glory, realize with mixed emotions that while the entire world is now opening up to us, a happy and carefree era is rapidly drawing to a close. There is little doubt, that the details of our school life, formerly so monotonous, will in the future be recalled as pleasant moments. The recollections of our school life will for the most part be happy ones, for time will dull or even obliterate the few bitter experiences we may have encountered.

There will be pleasant memories of our teachers, whose good will and efforts were often spurned. Future encounters with the writings of Milton and Shakespeare will invariably remind us of Mr. Kroeker's Poetry and Drama periods. Further struggles with trigonometric functions will bring back the visions of Mr. Thiessen's determined efforts to instill in us a knowledge of Mathematics. Mr. Warkentin's fervent desire that the failure rate in Chemistry be nil, and Mr. Goertzen's insistence on our acquiring a good vocabulary will linger long in our memories.

We shall remember for years to come, Mr. Kroeker's recent complimentary statement in which he referred to the Grade XII's as being an "exceptional" class. This information came as a shock to many of us, for scarcely a year ago one of the other teachers plainly stated that we were the "deadest bunch" of students in the whole school. Despite the possibility of being accused of conceit, we prefer the more complimentary remark. One of the boys will never forget that a teacher referred to his vocal efforts during a study period as "the yowling of an alleycat," while another may recall being classified as a child prodigy when he claimed that boys became interested in girls at the age of 11 or 12. The girls will always remember the time when the principal caught them in the auditorium during a study period with not a book anywhere nearby.

We, however, have several more serious and sensible achievements to be humbly proud of,

for we constitute the largest Grade XII class in the history of The Altona High. Also, we as a class put on the Collegiate's only dramatic production: a three-act satirical comedy, "Arms and the Man." The results of the annual fall magazine subscription campaign indicated that the senior class had the highest value of sales, even though they have the fewest students. For this praiseworthy endeavor we compliment Don Fehr.

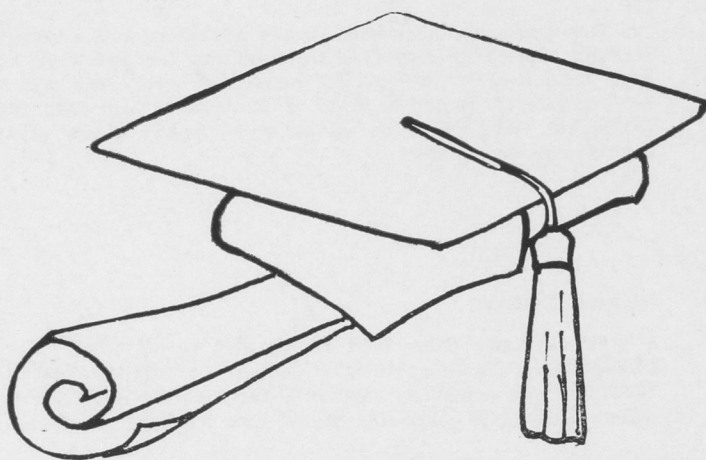
We leave these achievements as a goal for those Grade XI's who will fill our places next year. I cannot think of a more appropriate challenge than the one made by the poet of "In Flander's Fields" when he says: "To you from failing hands we throw the torch, be yours to hold it high." It is our sincere desire that you will meet the challenge and surpass our humble efforts, thereby making our school an institution we can be truly proud of.

We wish to thank our parents, our teachers, the members of the School Board, and the taxpayers who have made this a possibility.

Having glanced at a few events in the past, it is now time to look toward the future. June 30 will mark the day, when we leave school life to go out into the world, either directly to our jobs or into further institutions of training. That moment will be like the moment when a swimmer dives into the water to begin a long-distance swim. We are the swimmers. Our future life is the body of water we must cross, and the distant shore is our aim in life. Having received our preliminary training in school, we are now faced by the real task ahead of us, the conquering of which shall require all the courage and determination we possess. Human powers will at times be insufficient and we shall then have to rely on Divine assistance. Therefore, as we strike out into the stream of life, let us maintain a constant faith in the powers of the Almighty God and trust in Him to aid us in our search for service, success and happiness.

Larry Buhr.

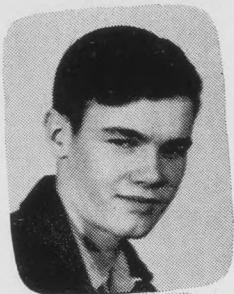
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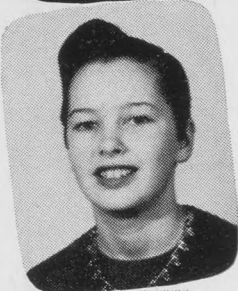
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GRADE



LARRY BUHR

Experimenting, chemically and otherwise, is Larry's latest craze. His nickname, "Rembrandt," refers to his skill with paints—house paints, that is. This enthusiastic curler, mathematical genius and budding actor plans to go into a well-paying field, namely, engineering.



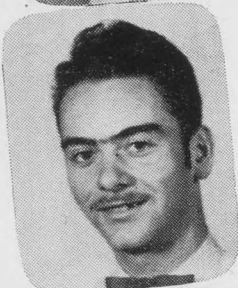
IRMGARD WIELER

Irmgard is our indispensable Secretary-Treasurer of the Student Council; she is clever and petite, with a ready laugh. Her motto is "While we live, let us live." Prefers to stay in town week-ends for unknown reasons. Perhaps to show off her culinary talents. In school she enjoys study periods and Novel and History. Plans to attend University next year.



DONALD FEHR

Don has a business head on his shoulders and a terrific knack for salesmanship, which he displayed by soliciting the yearbook advertising. He has been appointed to ring the bell punctually every day and has little sympathy for latecomers. Being captain of the school volleyball team, he is a sports enthusiast. After four he works at Krueger's Men's Wear. Don's future in business seems assured.



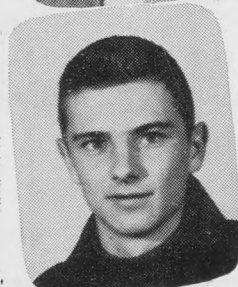
FRANK TOEWS

Frank hails from Elm Creek and really takes his studies at Altona Collegiate seriously. He participates in festival activities, debating and reciting; took a leading role in Grade Twelve's production of "Arms and the Man." Favourite subjects: Maths and Physics. Ambition: teaching.



IRENE ARTES

Irene finds Maths a bore, but is the only one who can express excitement about the correct solution to a trigonometric problem. She is quiet and studious; the artistic type, and enjoys classical literature. She is active in council activities, and is the president of the I.S.C.F. Next year will see her at United College if her well-laid plans don't go awry.



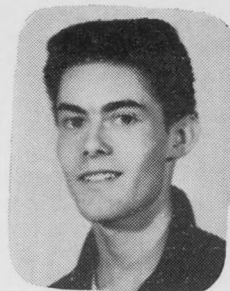
LEONARD POKRANT

Len is an enthusiastic curler—skipped a rink during the curling season and also represented Altona at the Inter-High School Bonspiel in Winnipeg. He makes the trip from Rosenfeld in his car every morning and is much more punctual about arriving than about leaving. The quiet and withdrawn expression on his face is probably due to the fact that "Gussie's" thoughts are far away in the Grade XI room. Future: engineering, maybe?

TWELVE

GERALD LOEWEN

Gerald dreams of a Utopian school where academic classes are abolished and assignments are taboo. He is leading tenor in the school choir and an active participant in sports, hockey in particular. When he's not at his desk he's either napping, or having trouble with his "big" James motorcycle. Perhaps his after-four job as Scan-a-graver operator at the local printing plant is a clue to his future.



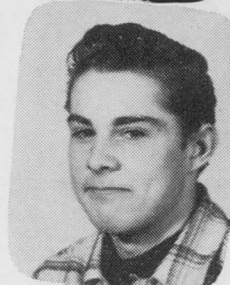
AUDREY FRIESEN

The one bright spot in Audrey's day is "study period." As Editor of the yearbook she is duty bound to spend a great deal of time discussing "ways and means" with the business manager. At other times her outside interests, presidential activities and studies keep her busy. Her ambition and ability single her out as a future leader in the community.



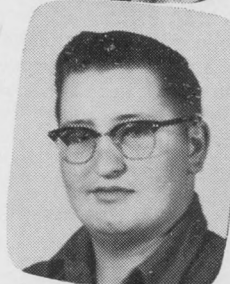
BRADLEY BRAUN

What a man! This, in Brad's opinion, is a very apt description of himself. Brad is handsome, likeable, a football and hockey enthusiast. His favorite subject is Maths, which has improved remarkably since he began evening classes under the tuition of a more gifted classmate. He feels that his future lies in the North—exploring?



ELMER HILDEBRAND

Elmer has the dubious and expensive hobby of driving the Student Council's utility van, namely his '48 Dodge. Hockey and curling are his main athletic interests; and regretfully, his other outside activities do not include homework. His friendly good nature has not yet suffered from being over-imposed-upon.



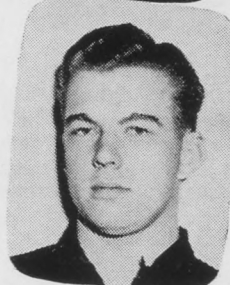
GRACE HEINRICHS

Grace is the efficient secretary of the I.S.C.F., and is taking subjects in both XI and XII this year. Quiet and friendly, she has a ready smile for everyone. She attacks her homework with purpose (even if it's Chemistry, which she never could appreciate), and plans on a future in the teaching profession.



JAKE NEUFELD

This hefty six-footer would have sparked the football team had he attended Altona Collegiate during the fall term. He joined the Grade Twelve ranks in April to take Maths and Chemistry. Earlier in the year Jake attended Bible School. Calls Manitou home.



GRADE

DONALD BRAUN

Donald is the distinguished "man around town" — vice-president of the Student Council and business manager of the yearbook. This athletic chap is an avid hi-fi fan.



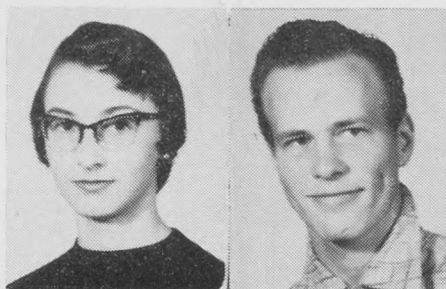
EVELYN SAWATSKY

Evelyn is a lass who likes to live dangerously—she does light housekeeping. She is noted for her sparkling wit and cheerful nature. Stands first in class, considers evenings at home a waste of time.



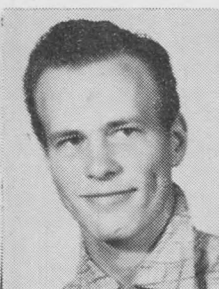
MERLA BRAUN

Merla is dark and petite. Is a member of the octette and collects records as a hobby. Outside of school she is kept busy by her job at the local drug store.



RONALD HOEPPNER

Ron's many activities include music, motorcycles and an after-four job. He frequently stumps the teachers with complicated questions. Ron appears to be interested in the teaching profession.



LESLIE FRIESEN

"Fluff" yearns to be an R.C.M.P. officer. He is active in sports, a member of the Student Council, and the bane of his life is Maths. He enjoys the scenery in the desk behind him.



ROSEMARY HOWE

"Shorty" is small, dark and popular. Active in Student Council activities; she will probably take a university course after finishing grade XII. Her pet peeve: German.

ADELAIDE GIESBRECHT

This is Adelaide's first year at Altona—she comes from Myrtle. Is very active in extra-curricular affairs—a member of the Student Council, assistant editor of the yearbook, and an octette member.



NORMAN HIEBERT

Norman "J" is usually seen around Altona Collegiate sporting his flash camera and shouting, "Hold that pose." Besides photography he enjoys science, reading and girls.

WALTER BRAUN

Walt is dark and handsome, a lad from the farm. He is one of those rare creatures—a tenor. Walt is active in musical organizations; is frequently seen talking across the aisle.



MARGARET KEHLER

Margaret's attributes include a clever mind and a cheerful nature. She stands third in class, is quiet and studious.

ELEVEN

EVELYN FRIESEN

Evelyn comes from Roseville, is studious, but likes to chatter in class. Her hobby is playing the violin. She is seldom seen without Shirley.



RONALD FUNK

Ronald is known as 'Flake' to his pals, by virtue of his fondness for a well-known breakfast cereal. He works at the Coffee Shop and studying is not his strong point.

LARRY SCHELLENBERG

"Shelley" is the quiet athletic type. He is neat, dark and quick—especially on a football field. He also shines in baseball—is rarely heard from in class.



IRENE KLIPPENSTEIN

Irene is a merry lass, always bubbling with fun. She is often chauffeured to school, to the envy of her less fortunate classmates. She wishes she were already in grade twelve—ambitious?

VERNA BRAUN

In addition to grade XI, Verna is also studying music. She is active in the school choir and octette. Her favorite pastime is writing letters—to the far north.



JAKE ELIAS

A quiet chap with a mind definitely his own, especially in Lit. Jake has a flair for chemistry. His future is undecided, but will probably be connected with science.

JAKE DRIEDGER

Jake is probably the only boy in class who is well versed in the culinary arts, but this was a matter of necessity, not choice. Detests homework—would prefer to spend his time in the grade ten classroom.



IRENE WIEBE

"Fuzzy," as Irene is affectionately known, has a sharp tongue, but is well-liked. She hates science subjects, but loves to read. She is the only student who can eat her meals while watching T.V.

MARTHA PETERS

This pretty, popular lass loves to sing, and is seldom seen without a smile. Pastime: skating. Aim: to have her homework assignments done.



LEONARD DYCK

Len is noted for not always agreeing with the teachers. His muscular physique is an asset, both in hockey and in trying to charm the fairer sex.

GRADE



GLADYS FRIESEN

Gladys came to Altona Collegiate after attending Bible School for one year. Enjoys baking and collecting pictures of the royal family. A quiet lass who studies hard, but cannot appreciate algebra and physics.

ANNE FALK

Anne is blonde, quiet and studious—a whizz at algebra. She is an active member of the I.S.C.F. Intends to take up nursing after completing school.

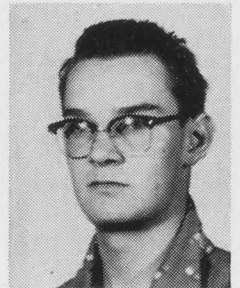


BEN GERBRANDT

Ben enjoys reading and is always well versed in current events. He is a shy, bespectacled lad who enjoys sports, but only as a spectator.

JOHN REMPEL

John R. is a whizz in geometry. In his opinion, Altona Collegiate is closely rivaled by a school farther south. John's home is on the farm—probably will remain there.



BETTY KLASSEN

Betty is quiet, hardworking, and is noted for her memory. She enjoys skating, and gets plenty of exercise walking to school every day. Prefers Halbstadt to Altona.

MARY TOEWS

Mary calls Homewood her home. She is a dark, pretty lass who does light house-keeping in town. Her favourite pastimes are reading and sewing. She has attended Bible School.

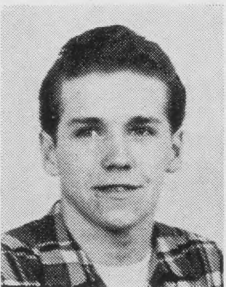


MARY FALK

Mary is our small blonde bombshell. She is not as interested in studies as in males. Mary is friendly and cheerful, his ultimate fate: housewife.

SHIRLEY SAWATSKY

Tall, dark, Shirley is always cheerful. She plays the piano. Favourite subject: talking across the aisle. Future ambition: to study Home Economics.



LEROY DUECK

Leroy is grade XI's roving Casanova. He is envied for his curly hair and for the fact that he is usually driving his father's big Plymouth. His interests include geometry and girls.

BRIGITTE DRIEDGER

This clever young person first attended Altona Collegiate in September, only to leave after Easter, when her family moved to Winnipeg. She was an outstanding student and is now attending Churchill High in Winnipeg.



ELEVEN

RAY DUECK

Ray left school at Easter —is now employed by the Rhineland Car Co. His departure was a serious loss to both the Collegiate choir and octette.



HILDA KEHLER

Hilda, a very promising young student, abandoned the halls of learning for a more lucrative field. She is employed in the local telephone office. Best of luck, Hilda!

ANNE THIESSEN

Clever, blonde and pretty, this lass came to Altona Collegiate after Easter. She enjoys history and literature. Likes to read—works hard.



JOHN KRAHN

Makes his home in Kane, Man. Came to Altona Collegiate in April, after attending Bible School. He enjoys singing — is a tall, blonde fellow with a "kiss curl."

JOYCE HAMM

Joyce came to Altona Collegiate after Easter upon completion of a term at Bible School. If hard work is any indication, Joyce will be very successful in her studies. Best of luck!



MARIE NEUFELD

Marie has come back to school after attending Bible School. She is quiet, hard working. We wish her the best of luck in completing her studies.



1. Fragile, do not drop.

2. Musical interlude.

3. Student transportation.

4. Four o'clock and that's all!

5. Munchin' luncheon.

6. Overdose of H₂S.

7. Chorus line.

8. Black beard.

GRADE



ESTHER LOEWEN

Ambition—teacher
Hobby—collecting blotters
Outstanding characteristic—cheerful smile



SHIRLEY NEUFELD

Ultimate fate—housewife
Ambition—working in bank
Favourite expression—"Hey, bub!"
Pet peeve—school

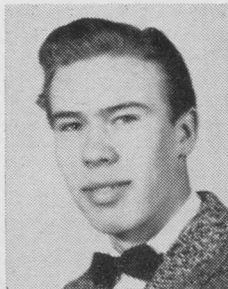
SARA BERGEN

Ambition—nurse
Hobby—sewing
Favourite pastime—reading
Favourite subject—geography



EDGAR FRIESEN

Hobby—selling popcorn
Favourite pastime—talking in class
Nickname—"Sonny"
Favourite subject—girls



DAVE KROEKER

Hobby—photography
Ambition—farmer
Favourite pastime—sports



IRENE TOEWS

Ambition—hairstresser
Favourite pastime—"doodling" in class
Hobby—opposite sex
Pet peeve—geography

MABEL DUECK

Hobby—piano
Favourite pastime—drawing
Ultimate fate—housewife
Pet peeve—geometry



IRWIN KEHLER

Favourite subject—algebra (?)
Hobby—woodwork
Favourite pastime—archery



TEN



GLADYS FEHR
Hobby—oil-painting
Ambition—nursing
Favourite pastime—reading
Favourite subject—science



MARILYN DUECK
Favourite subject—typing
Ultimate fate—housewife
Pet peeve—homework



MARGE HAMM
Ambition—stenographer
Pet peeve—light housekeeping
Hobby—reading

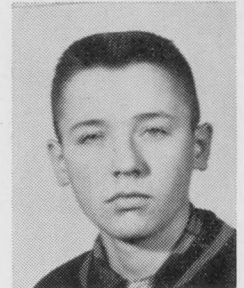


JUDITH FRIESEN
Ambition—nurse
Favourite pastime—drawing
Hobby—singing
Favourite subject—geometry (?)

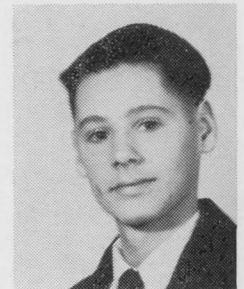


HILDA BRAUN
Hobby—collecting 50c pieces
Ambition—teacher
Favourite subject—geography

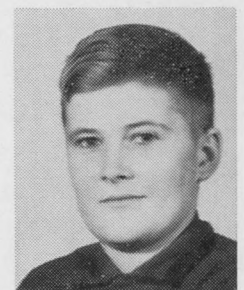
HENRY KLASSEN
Ultimate fate—bachelor
Ambition—farmer
Favourite pastime—attending school
Hobby—relaxing



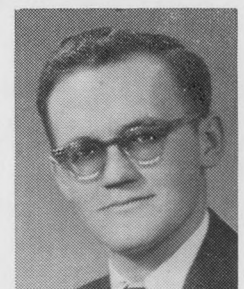
DONALD ZACHARIAS
Ambition—policeman
Favourite subject—science
Favourite pastime—arguing in class



JIM PEARSON
Favourite expression—"hot dog!"
Ultimate fate—bachelor
Hobby—model airplanes
Pet peeve—teachers



FRANK BERGEN
Graduate of Bible School
Ambition—teacher
Hobby—mechanics
Favourite pastime—reading



GRADE NINE ANALYSIS

OBJECT:

To observe, in and out of school, the characteristics of 24 individuals at present known as '56 grade niners.

APPARATUS:

Two dozen energetic individuals on the road of learning, trying mentally and physically to pack their craniums with knowledge for future combustion on the road of responsible living.

METHOD:

Through the months of September to June, this conglomeration of human beings was put under the strain of harassing assignments, gruelling tests and monotonous reviews, relieved only by intermittent periods of play. Their reactions were observed and recorded.

OBSERVATIONS:

Bernard Penner—was found to be quiet and studious—fond of bicycle riding—a freshman member of the Student Council.

Dora Toews—was observed to be dark-haired and friendly—a bookworm—lives on the farm.

Justina Penner—quiet—has an affinity for Tina—hobby is fancy work.

Kenneth Hiebert—very lively—athletic—dislikes History specifically and homework in general.

George Zacharias—small and mischievous—often observed behind a store counter.

Peter Schmidt—tall, dark and quiet—commutes from the Altona village.

Vernon Striemer—sweet tooth, usually wears a grin—very friendly.

David Hoepfner—member of the Student Council—is attracted to water pistols and violins.

Leona Braun—a quiet lass from the farm—dislikes homework.

Menno Kehler—lives in Neuberghthal—infectious smile.

Raymond Krahn—prefers chattering and joking to working.

Cliff Peters—has an aversion for telephone party lines—comes from the farm.

Mary Dyck—works at Esso Service Station—her future will be no problem.

Jolene Lesperance—dark, quiet and neat—enjoys music and plays piano.

Esther Giesbrecht—quiet and studious—enjoys History.

Jake Wiebe—bookworm—expert on model airplanes.

Dennis Neufeld—happy-go-lucky—nicknamed "Shorty"—studies cramp his style.

Reginald Braun—tall, dark, and handsome—attracts opposite sex—active in hockey and baseball.

Marlene Epp—member of the Student Council—musical—well liked by classmates.

Marilyn Stobbe—brown eyed—sharp tongued—plays piano.

Shirley Braun—studious—heads class—pleasant and cheerful.

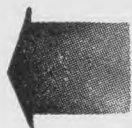
Rosemary Driedger—pretty—hard working—left at Easter for Churchill High, Winnipeg.

Arno Driedger—twin to Rosemary—left our school also to continue his studies at Churchill High, Winnipeg.

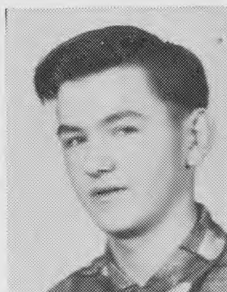
Tina Rempel—Tina is quiet and studious. This young blonde is usually seen with Justina.

CONCLUSION:

From the above experiment we conclude that in this group of young individuals are talents which will be developed in years to come and which will enable their owners to take their places as leaders in the community of tomorrow.



Rosemary Driedger



Arno Driedger



David Hoepfner



Bernard Penner



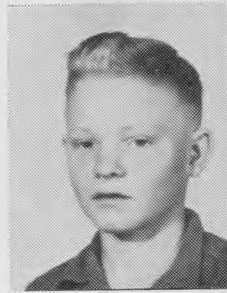
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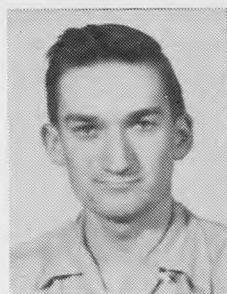
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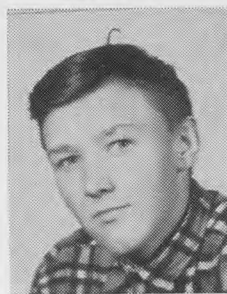
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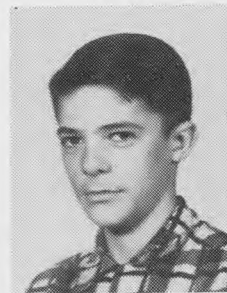
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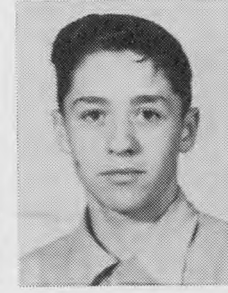
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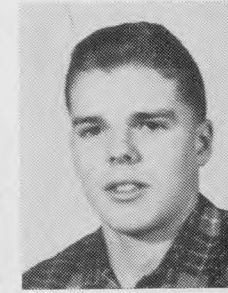
Marilyn Stobbe



Tina Rempel



Menno Kehler



Reg Braun



Front row: Mr. Warkentin, Don Braun (business manager), Adelaide Giesbrecht (assistant editor), Audrey Friesen (editor), Don Fehr (advertising), Mr. Thiessen. Back row: Norm Hiebert and Gerald Loewen (photography), Irene Artes and Merla Braun (lay-out), Irmgard Wieler (secretary), Rosemary Howe and Evelyn Sawatsky (social), Larry Buhr and Jim Pearson (sports).

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

An event which marked the school term 1955-56 as one of special significance was the construction of a new Collegiate. To commemorate this advance in the educational facilities of Altona, the Collegiate Student Council undertook to sponsor a yearbook. The yearbook has been planned with this idea in mind: to give a cross-sectional view of the past school year, the activities and achievements of the students and especially the new Collegiate building.

Many hours of labor have gone into the planning of this yearbook and much credit is to be

given to students who participated so willingly. The publication of this book marks a major achievement on the part of the students, and has been responsible for creating a feeling of pride in our school, and also a feeling of unity among its students.

The yearbook committee wishes to thank all advertisers, without whose support this project would have been impossible, and also the numerous persons who gave so generously of their time and advice.

Audrey Friesen.

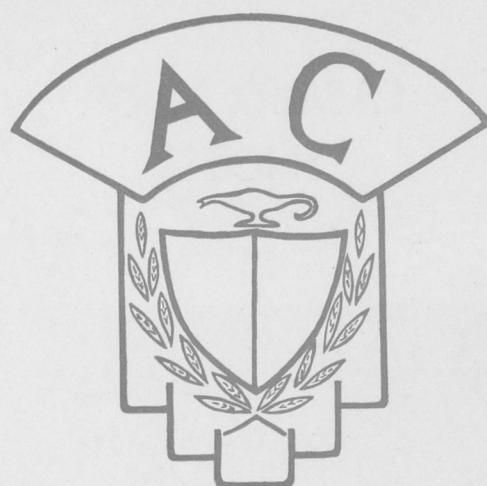
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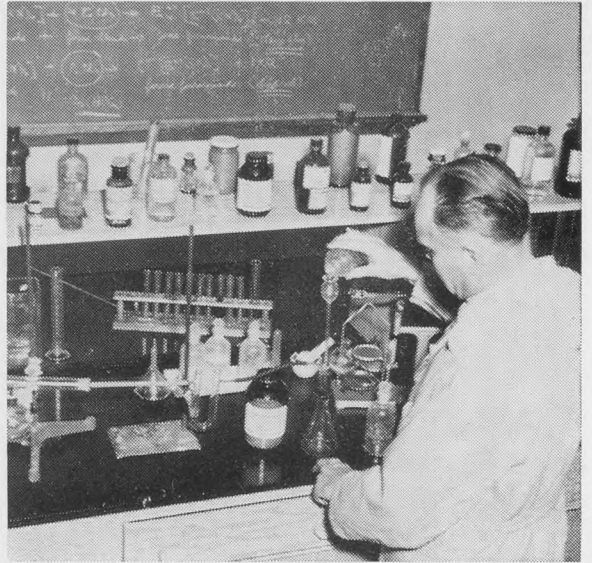
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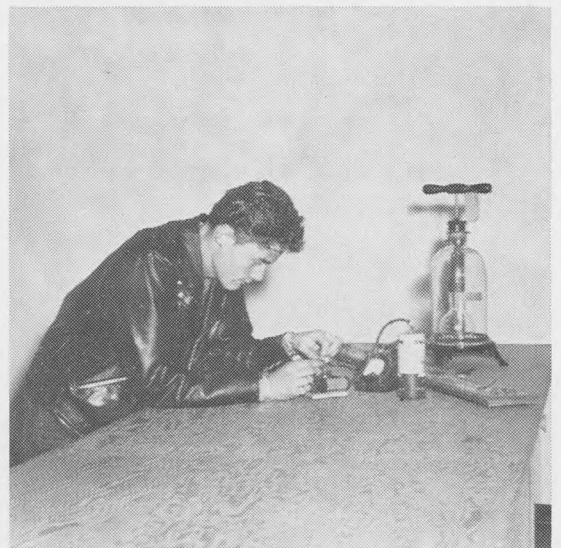


Chemistry Lab

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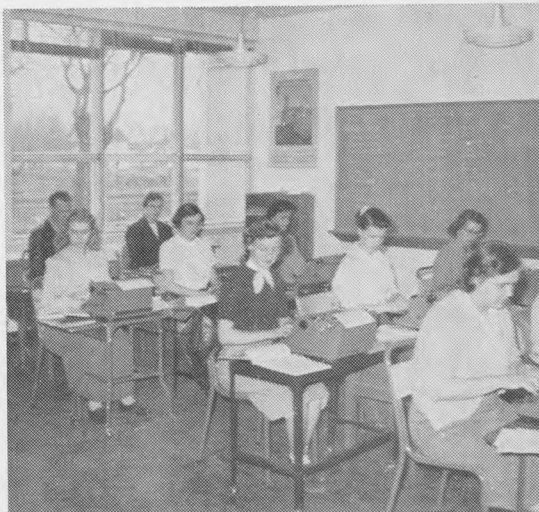
Chief Librarian: Mr. Thiessen

Reference Reading in the Library
Assistant Librarians: Audrey Friesen and
Irene Artes



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Instructor: Mr. Kroeker

Enrollment:
Grade XI — 15
Grade X — 12

The Collegiate Department Offers:

Courses in all regular academic subjects—grades nine to twelve.
Bookkeeping and Typewriting courses in grade ten.
Audio-visual and radio education to all classes.

Music appreciation—grade nine.
A good reference library, excellent laboratory facilities, opportunity to participate in sports.
Opportunity to sing in a High School choir.
Scholarships—grades seven to twelve.

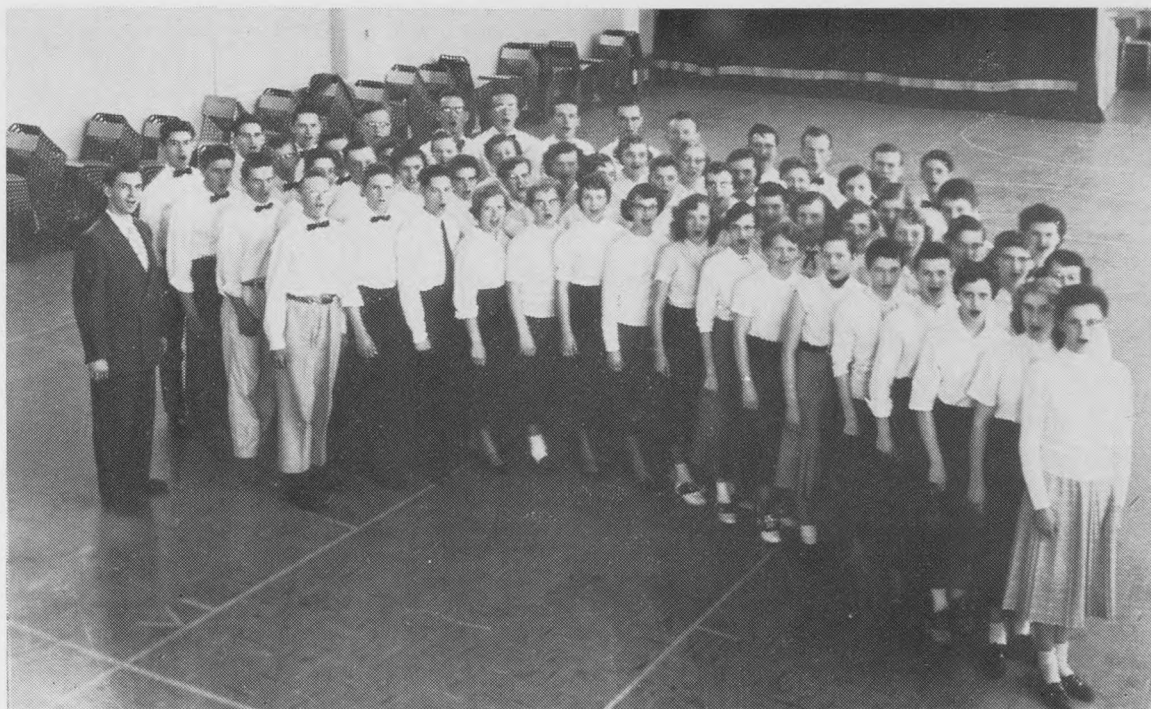
ENROLLMENT IN ALTONA COLLEGIATE

Grade XII	12
Grade XI	35
Grade X	17
Grade IX	22
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Scholarship Winners, 1954-55

Grade VII— Highest Average—\$10.00 awarded by Messrs. A. D. Friesen and C. N. Friesen, Altona Real Estate and Insurance.	Robert Wieler
Progress—Sheaffer's Pen and Pencil Set awarded by Elmer Braun, Braun Drug Co.	Werner Friesen
Grade VIII— Highest Average—\$10.00 awarded by Mr. Russ Mantey, Beaver Lumber Co.	Shirley Braun
Grade IX— Highest Average—\$50.00 awarded by the Altona Chamber of Commerce.	Gladys Fehr
Progress—\$25.00 awarded by the Altona Women's Institute.	Shirley Neufeld
Non-resident Highest Average—\$10.00 awarded by Jake Penner, Altona Freightways.	Henry Klassen
Grade X— Highest Average—\$50.00 awarded by the Altona School Board.	Donald Braun
Progress—\$25.00 awarded by D. W. Friesen & Sons Ltd.	Hilda Kehler
Typewriting Progress—\$10.00 awarded by Red River Valley Mutual Insurance Co.	Verna Braun
Grade XI— Highest Average—\$75.00 awarded by the Altona School Board.	Irmgard Wieler
Supremacy in Arts Subjects—\$20.00 awarded by Henry Krueger, Krueger's Men's Wear.	Irene Artes
Supremacy in German Language Studies—\$10.00 awarded by Henry Krueger, Krueger's Men's Wear.	Frank Toews
Grade XII— Highest Average—\$25.00 awarded by Mr. P. L. Dick, Rhineland Car Co.	Albert Braun
Nursing Scholarship—\$100.00 awarded by Dr. S. S. Toni, Altona.	Marie Hoepfner
Governor-General's Medal—won by Albert Schmidt, Grade XI.	

MUSIC

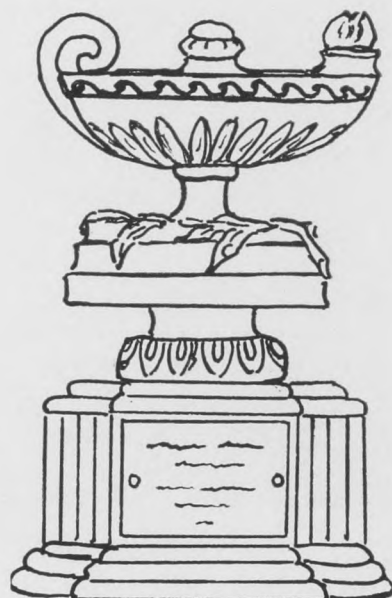


ALTONA COLLEGIATE CHOIR

The Altona Collegiate Choir is composed of some sixty musically-inclined students under the direction of Principal A. C. Kroeker. Though music is a part of the school curriculum, choir practices are limited to one period on Friday morning.

The choir sang at the official school opening, at a Sunday morning service in the Bergthaler Church and a Christmas carol service. The climax to months of rehearsing came with their appearance at the Southern Manitoba Musical Festival.

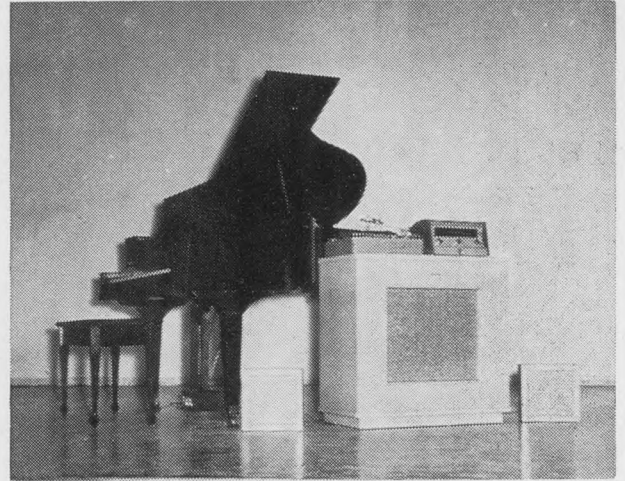
Despite close competition from two other high school choirs, the Altona choir captured the Dr. S. S. Toni trophy for the third successive year. Marks awarded to the choir were 87 for the test piece, "Linden Lea," and 84 for their own selection, "God So Loved the World."





Soon after the completion of the Collegiate the School Board purchased and installed a baby grand piano in the auditorium. This fine instrument has since been the source of much entertainment.

A Hi-Fi set was also installed during this time. The purchase of this set was inspired by a gift of symphony and concert records from Mr. L. Erk. Several businessmen, together with the Glee Club, saw the need for adequate equipment to reproduce this music at its finest, and purchased a Hi-Fidelity turntable, amplifier and speakers for the purpose.



Piano and Hi-Fi Set

COLLEGIATE OCTETTE



Collegiate Octette

The Collegiate Octette has been in existence for two years and was organized and is directed by Mr. Kroeker. The present group differs slightly from last year's octette due to students leaving school, but the majority of members are the same. Members of the octette are: Judy Friesen, Verna Braun, Adelaide Giesbrecht, Merla Braun, Gerald Loewen, Walter Braun, Ray Dueck, Ronald Hoepfner and Audrey Friesen (pianist).

The Octette has participated in school events, but its main activity has been entertaining at local banquets and public gatherings.

Though the Octette is composed of Collegiate members, it is an extra-curricular organization. Its members are a group of young people who enjoy singing good music. Their repertoire consists of semi-classical and light music. Some of their favourites are a medley from "Oklahoma!", Negro spirituals and a novelty arrangement of "Dry Bones."

SPORTS



BOYS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Back row: Mr. Kroeker, Walt Braun, Norm Hiebert, Gerald Loewen. Front row: Jake Driedger, Don Fehr (captain), Dave Kroeker.

This team played games against Winkler, the M.C.I. and the teaching staff. Out of a total of fifteen games, they won eight, lost seven.

FOOTBALL TEAM

First row: Don Braun, Don Zacharias, Brad Braun, Ken Hiebert, Larry Schellenberg. Second row: Reg Braun, Len Dyck, Elmer Hildebrand,



Gerald Loewen, Les Friesen. Third row: Len Pokrant, Leroy Dueck, Ray Wiebe, Larry Buhr, Ray Dueck.

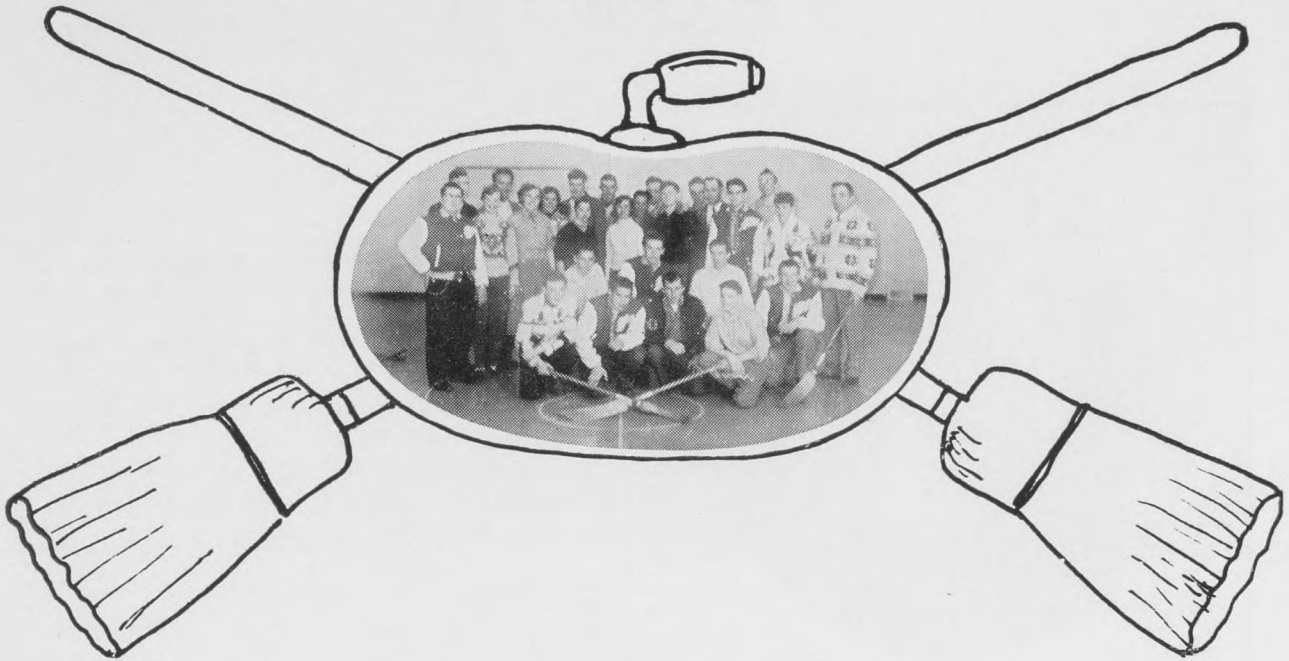
GIRLS' VOLLYBALL TEAM

Back row: Irene Wiebe, Judy Friesen, Gladys Fehr. Front row: Justina Penner, Irene Klippenstein, Shirley Braun.

This team played games with Winkler, the M.C.I. and Morris. Out of a total of eight games, they won four, lost four.



CURLING



*Runners-up
to the
Thiessen
Transportation
Trophy*



*Len Pokrant
Elmer Hildebrand
Ron Funk
Judy Friesen*

WINNERS OF INTER-HIGH BONSPIEL



Len Pokrant, skip
Norm Hiebert, third
Frank Toews, second
Vernon Striemer, lead

Len Pokrant, skip
Edgar Friesen, third
Larry Buhr, second
Don Zacharias, lead

TEAM ATTENDING WINNIPEG BONSPIEL



Teacher--Student Hockey Game

For years members of the teaching profession have been "ruling the roost," so to speak, especially when it comes to students. On March 3, fifteen Altona Collegiate stalwarts finally and conclusively proved their superiority over their teachers . . . at hockey, at any rate.

The Braun-Braun-Loewen line led the student team with four goals and five assists, whereas Len Dyck, the game's "bad man," spent two sessions in the penalty box. The game was highlighted by Elmer Hildebrand's spectacular net-minding finesse, displayed when he blocked Mr. H. H. Goertzen's low drive from the blue line. In the final moments of play, with the opposition merely trailing by six goals, Elmer Hildebrand.

student goalie, made a desperate move. Leaving the goal unguarded he joined the forwards and managed to score an assist. The final score stood at 9-2, and as nobody seems to remember who scored the teachers' goals two brave men will fade into anonymity unless they invent a mathematical formula or a new history date.

In retrospect, Principal Albert Kroeker, who sparked the team to defeat, had this to say: "It was anybody's game, right up to the dying moments of play." Certainly spectators and players alike spent an enjoyable evening.

The writer apologizes for the fact that the term "hockey" was loosely used throughout this write-up.

CURLING STANDINGS

Skips	W	L	T	Pts
Edgar Friesen	15	3	0	30
Mr. Goertzen	12	5	0	24
Len Pokrant	11	7	0	22
E. Hildebrand	8	9	0	16
Ronald Funk	7	10	1	15
Larry Buhr	5	12	1	11
Jim Pearson	3	15	0	6

FOOTBALL STATISTICS

Games	Wins	Losses	Pts. for	Pts. Against
6	2	4	95	123

Opposition: Winkler, Gretna, M.C.I., Emerson, Morris, Local Ex-Students.

Top Scorers: (Touchdowns in parentheses)—Gerald Loewen (5), Larry Schellenberg (4), Brad Braun (3), Donald Braun (3).

P.T. CLASSES



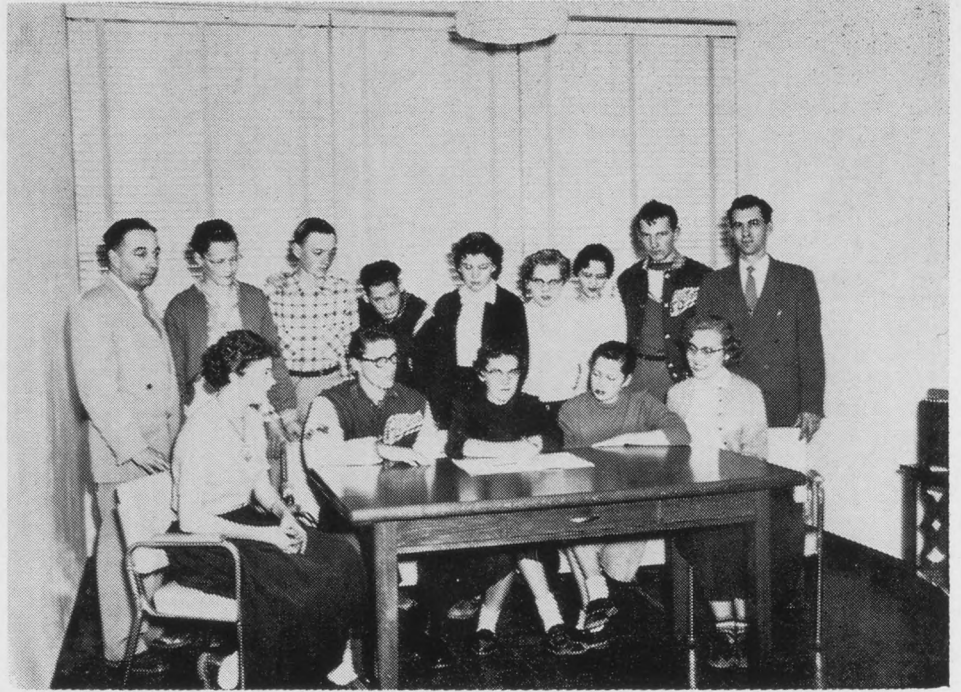
Instructor, Mr. Kroeker



Instructor, Mr. Goertzen

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

S T U D E N T C O U N C I L



President: Audrey Friesen

Vice-President: Don Braun

Secretary-Treasurer: Irmgard Wieler

Representatives:

Grade IX—

Marlene Epp
Bernard Penner
David Hoeppner

Grade X—

Don Zacharias
Judy Friesen

Grade XI—

Adelaide Giesbrecht
Rosemary Howe
Les Friesen

Grade XII—

Irene Artes

Advisors: Mr. Goertzen, Mr. Kroeker

A student council is composed of representatives from all grades and through it, all students have a voice in the planning of their activities. The purpose of a student council is to plan an active program of extra-curricular activities and also projects to finance these undertakings. Extra-curricular activities are beneficial to a school because they provide a welcome change from the monotony of studies and they help to develop a feeling of comradeship and unity among students.

All social and extra-curricular events seen on the following pages were either sponsored or organized by the student council. The major project this term was the sponsorship of a yearbook.

All these activities require finances and the students undertook various projects with this end in view. Financially, the 1955-56 student council has been very successful and raising and managing finances has become "big business" for the students. The total turnover this year has approached \$1,000.

The student council as an organization has much merit: it teaches simple democracy; it teaches self-reliance; it builds school spirit.

CALENDAR '55-'56

A.C. ACTIVITIES

August—School commences.

September—Student Council elections.
Magazine campaign.

October—Teachers' Convention.
Halloween and Initiation Social.

November—Scholarship Night.
Remembrance Day—Rev. Loge addressed the student body.

December—National Photo Studios photographed entire student body.
Carol service in the Bergthaler Church.
Christmas Social—Rev. Freer was the guest speaker.
Exams.

January—Skating party.

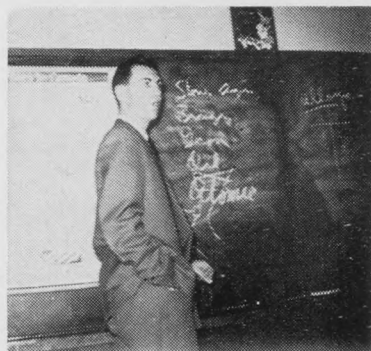
February—Transferred to new Collegiate.
Trip to Winnipeg.
Teacher-Student hockey game. Score: 9-2 in favor of students.

March—Education Week: Formal opening of the Collegiate.
Silver tea.
Presentation of "Arms and the Man."
Middle River Band gave a concert in Collegiate Auditorium.
High School Bonspiel.
Exams.

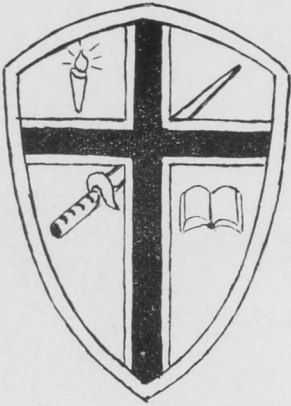
April—Driedger family moves to Winnipeg.
Special students arrive to take a short course.
Festival—Choir wins Dr. S. S. Toni trophy.

May—Winkler High School Orchestra gives a concert.

June—Graduation.
Exams.



I. S. C. F.



The Inter-School Christian Fellowship has been in existence in Canada for many years. Its purpose and aims are well expressed in its motto, which is: "To know Christ, and to make Him known."

Three years ago a representative of this organization visited our school and as a result a number of interested students formed an Inter-School Fellowship here. Although the I.S.C.F. has been a relatively small group it has been to many students a source of inspiration and strength.

This year's committee consists of Irene Artes, president; Anne Falk, vice-president; Grace Heinrichs, secretary; Sara Bergen, publicity secretary; and Walter Braun, social convener.

Every Thursday after four we gather in one of the classrooms for informal Bible discussions. We have had a number of good speakers, among whom were Rev. H. J. Gerbrandt, Rev. J. Guenter, Miss Helen Willms from Matheson

Island, Miss Marie Duerksen, missionary in India, and Miss Esther Patkau, in Japan. We have also had several interesting and instructive films and slides, and a social.

This year we plan to hold the I.S.C.F. conference here in Altona. The I.S.C.F. groups from

Winkler, Steinbach and Manitou will take part in this annual affair, which will be under the leadership of Mr. Don Ford, the staff member for Manitoba. We hope that it will prove a successful and effective climax to the year's I.S.C.F. activities.

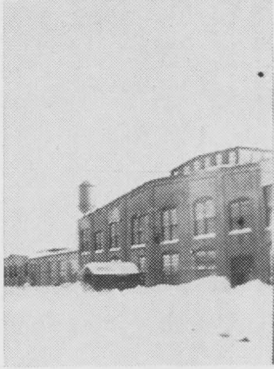
MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN



The magazine campaign was more successful than ever this fall. It was the Student Council's first big fund-raising activity. Subscriptions for the following firms, Maclean-Hunter, Curtis Distributors and D. W. Friesen & Sons Ltd., totalled a gross of approximately \$900.00 and enlarged the council's bank account by some \$300.00.

Though almost the entire student body contributed toward the general effort, the bulk of the sales were made by crack salesmen like Don Fehr, Don Braun, Irwin Kehler and Bernard Penner, shown discussing "business" with the secretary in the picture (left). To Don Fehr goes the credit for 30 per cent of the returns.

TRIP TO WINNIPEG



On the seventeenth of February we assembled at the Collegiate at eight o'clock in the morning anxiously awaiting two buses which were to take us on our annual tour of Winnipeg. Upon arriving in our capital, our first stop was at Weston Shops. We were guided through a number of large buildings where we saw the reconditioning of locomotives and the production of machine parts. We also visited Canada Packers, where we ate lunch in the canteen, then toured the plant. We were shown all the processes through which an animal passes before it results in the finished products.



Another point of interest which we visited was the CBC building. We were escorted through the modern structure and shown how our radio programs are transmitted. Of special interest was the T.V. camera and the elaborately equipped studio. Several students were taken by surprise when their faces suddenly were seen staring at them from a television screen, to the delight of their classmates. In the picture at the left several students are seen examining the giant television camera.



Our last visit of an educational nature was to the Normal School where we saw several former Altona students. We were shown the classrooms, dormitories and "huts." This tour whetted our appetites and we lost no time climbing into our buses for a short trip to the "Paddock," where the entire Collegiate ate supper in a private banquet room. One of our students had a slight mishap when he collided with a waitress carrying two full plates. No serious injuries occurred.



We spent the evening at the Winnipeg Arena watching a thrilling hockey game between the Warriors and the Saskatoon Quakers. In spite of our cheering the Warriors were beaten by a score of eight to five. After several minutes of waiting, we boarded our buses and were homeward bound, tired but happy. Another successful educational tour had been completed.

ARMS and



"Begone, you butterfingere donkey!"



THE CAST



Three Heroic Soldiers

Bluntschli—Larry Buhr

Raina—Audrey Friesen

Sergius—Frank Toews

Louka—Irmgard Wieler

Petkoff—Elmer Hildebrand

Catherine—Irene Artes

Nicola—Len Pokrant

Russian Officer—Brad Braun



Set—Gerald Loewen and Elmer Hildebrand

Lighting and Special Effects—Don Fehr and Brad Braun

Properties—Grace Heinrichs

Make-up—Rosemary Howe

Prompter and Call Boy—Don Fehr

Costumes—Malabar's

Director and Producer—Mr. A. C. Kroeker

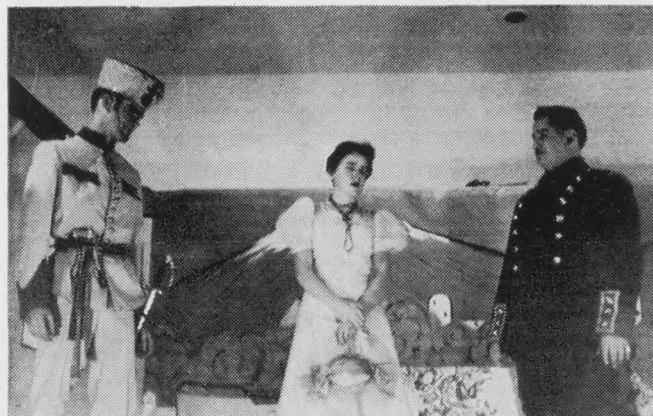
the MAN



"I never apologize!"



"My dear Paul, how absurd . . ."



"Oh! The chocolate cream soldier!"

Early in February, rehearsals began for a production of "Arms and the Man" by G. B. Shaw. This play was presented by the Grade XII class under the direction of its Drama teacher, Mr. Kroeker. It must be admitted that Mr. Kroeker did not meet with much enthusiasm when he first mentioned producing this play, for most students felt that it was too big a job to tackle. But as time wore on enthusiasm mounted and when the performances were over, everyone was ready and willing to do it all over again.

Roles were not difficult to assign, for at the time the Grade XII class consisted of only eleven people. So all actors had to double as stage hands, advertisers, etc. A great deal of ingenuity and hard work were required in presenting the drama, for the new auditorium was not equipped for such an undertaking. But youthful enthusiasm can overcome many obstacles and though the set was held together mainly by thumb tacks, brown paper and crossed fingers, it proved to be adequate.

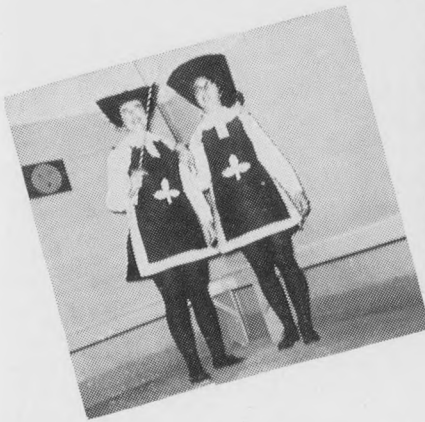
The three performances of "Arms and the Man" were presented on March 9 and 10, as a climax to Education Week. They were well attended and the profit made by the students will go toward buying equipment for the stage. Production of this drama proved to be a rewarding experience for all concerned and it was greatly enjoyed.

CANDIDS



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| 1. Kick-off. | 5. Wha' hopen? | 10. Is it safe? | 15. Cooling off?! |
| 2. Is this on the curriculum? | 6. Guys and dolls. | 11. New Collegiate. | 16. What's this? Mmmm— |
| 3. Beyond the horizon. | 7. Harmoni-cat. | 12. Goin' fishin'? | 17. Goin' West? |
| 4. "Now, class . . ." | 8. Ride 'em, Cowboy! | 13. Quiet—Do not disturb! | 18. Goin' Home. |
| | 9. Jukebox Babies. | 14. Checkers. | |

HALLOWEEN and INITIATION SOCIAL



On a dark night in late October, mysterious and rather weird forms were seen making their way in the general direction of Altona Collegiate. These curious looking creatures assembled in the auditorium, the judges appeared, and goblins, ghosts, Indians, Colonial ladies and gentlemen, cavemen, cowboys, and various animals began a parade around the hall. Three prizes were awarded: The prize for the funniest costume went to Mr. Warkentin and Mr. Goertzen, who posed as a gendarme and his lady; the prize for the most original costume was captured by a group from the wild west—Irmgard Wieler and Judy Friesen as two cowgirls, with Adelaide Giesbrecht and Audrey Friesen as their rather angular nag. Irene Wiebe and Rosemary Howe captured the prize for the best costumes, posing as an Indian brave and squaw.

The Halloween social continued with an original and spine-chilling story, written and recorded by Mr. Kroeker.

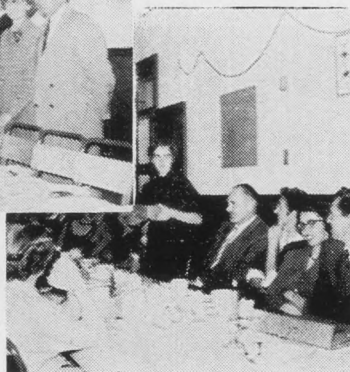
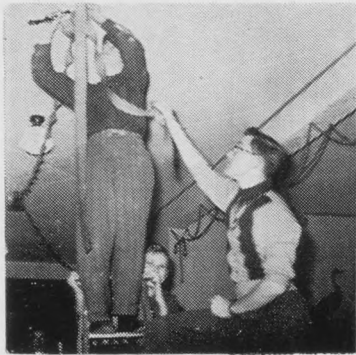
The next item on the program caused the Grade X, XI and XII students to grin in happy anticipation while the grade niners began to shiver and shake. Mild forms of torture were employed to initiate the newcomers to high school life. Mr. Thiessen, a new teacher, was given a roller-skating lesson—with a downy pillow strapped to his midriff. The next morning all were made to scrub the school sidewalks with toothbrushes. Mr. Thiessen, disguised as chief engineer of a locomotive, officiated.

Another highlight of the evening was ducking for apples, followed by games. A skit, describing the antics of a caveman dentist and his helpless patient, was enacted by Les Friesen and Don Braun.

These enjoyable activities were climaxed with a lunch, which even the ghostly visitors and "fazzled" grade nines were able to enjoy.



CHRISTMAS BANQUET



On December 23, after a gruelling week of exams, the students attended their annual Christmas banquet.

The banquet committee was bustling and scurrying around, desperately trying to keep scalloped potatoes hot and jellied salads cold. The tables which stretched in a long T down the hallway, were beautifully set and decorated—thanks to the Decoration Committee. A gaily decorated Christmas tree stood near the tables with a large assortment of gifts beneath it.

By 7.15, everyone had gathered at the tables, grace had been said, and a jolly jumble of laughter, talk and clatter of dishes ensued.

After the last slice of chiffon cake had been consumed, Rev. Freer, guest speaker for the evening, gave us a very interesting address.

Carols were sung while preparations were made for the raffle draw of a Panda bear and a mantel radio. Audrey Friesen, president of the Student Council, gave us an outline of the activities of the council during the first half of the term. Following this, the Octette sang several selections.

The evening was concluded by the distribution of gifts. Table lamps were presented to Mr. Thiessen and Mr. Goertzen. Mr. Warkentin received a set of books and Mr. Kroeker a pair of cuff links. Each student received a gift through our annual Christmas Box.

The evening was successful and following it, the students left the halls of learning for a ten-day Christmas holiday.

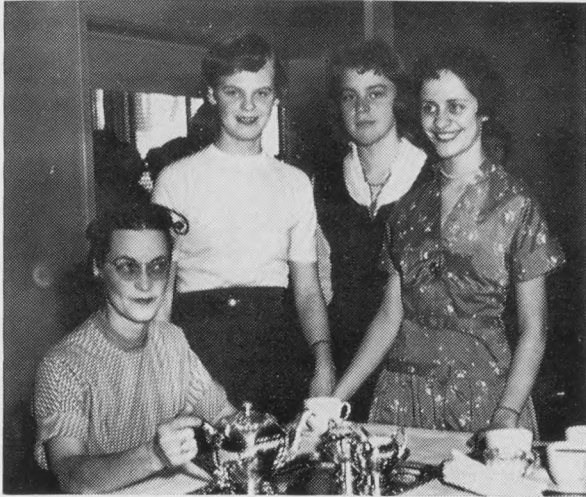
THE SKATING PARTY

In midwinter, the students of Altona Collegiate assembled at the local arena for a skating party. All the old "pros" were there, and even a few newcomers awkwardly wobbled around. It was observed that the latter, for obvious reasons, had a frantic, glazed look in their eyes. The star attractions were the four collegiate instructors, who managed to stay "sunny side up" throughout the evening. At ten o'clock there was a mass

exodus toward the school auditorium, where a lunch consisting of piping hot tomato soup, doughnuts and Cokes were served. Entertainment was offered by a group of boys who sang "16 Tons" and "Chain Gang" with effortless "harmony."

Exhausted but happy, the students tramped home through the snow, with sounds of shouting and gay laughter following them.

SILVER TEA



Mrs. Butcher and Irene Wiebe, Judy Friesen and Rosemary Howe who acted as waitresses.

Following the official opening of the new collegiate by Honourable W. C. Miller, Minister of Education, a silver tea, sponsored by the Student Council of Altona Collegiate, was held in the spacious auditorium. Wives of the faculty members, trustees, and inspector presided at the tea services, and High School girls acted as waitresses. Floral decorations and soft music from the recently purchased Hi-Fi set added an air of distinction to the proceedings.

Approximately three hundred guests were guided through various classrooms, library, commercial room and laboratory by the High School boys. On returning to the auditorium, they were served a dainty lunch of sandwiches, cake and tea.

Sixty dollars was added to the school treasury as a result of the tea.

BAND CONCERT



In early spring, the collegians were entertained by the Middle River School Band. Forty smartly uniformed young students took their places on the stage in our new collegiate. Their opening number was a rousing Mexican tango. This was followed by the very modern "Waltz in Blue," the overture from the operetta "The Student Prince" and a variety of marches and popular songs.

A musical skit, featuring Hot-lips Harry and

Bop-Riding Hood, caused the students to break out into gales of laughter. The final number, "Rock Around the Clock," received such an ovation that the performance was repeated.

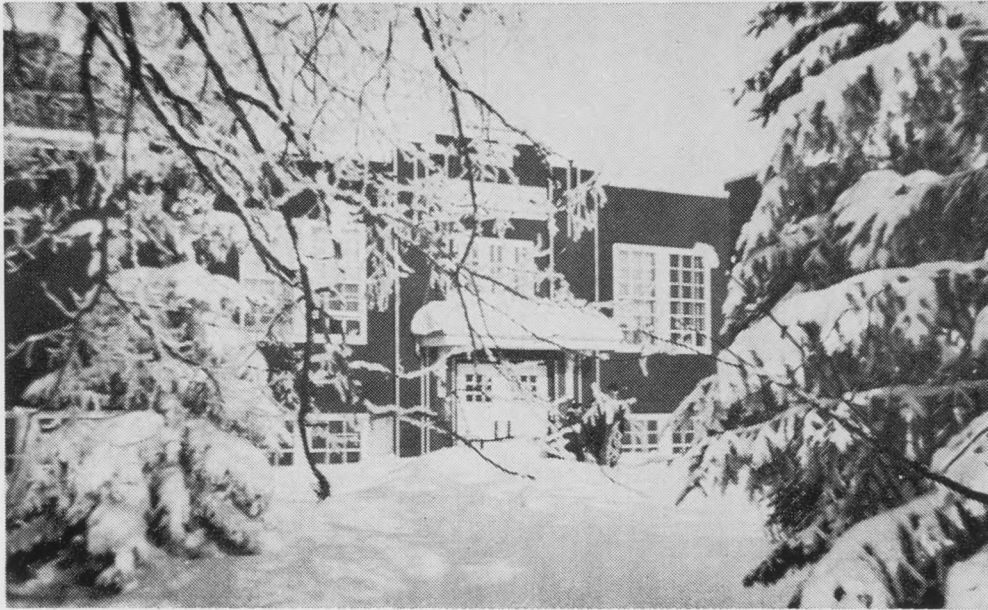
After the concert the band members were served a delicious lunch by the members of the Student Council. The band then continued their tour of schools in Manitoba before returning to the United States.

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| 1. Gerald's "big" James. | 7. Broomball. | 13. Blind-Man's Buff. |
| 2. "You can't fool it . . ." | 8. Catching flies? | 14. Halloween capers. |
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| 4. Dreaming. | 10. Out-turn. | 16. Standin' on the corner . . . |
| 5. What have they eaten? | 11. Close shave. | 17. In spring, a young man's
fancy . . . |
| 6. "Hen" party. | 12. "Softly now . . ." | |

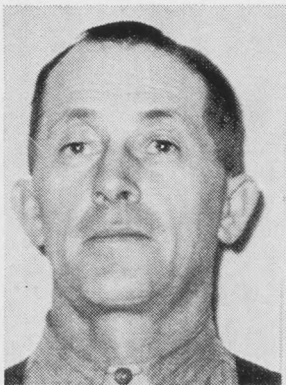
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ENROLLMENT

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Miss H. Martens	26							
Miss K. Klassen	24							
Miss T. Thiessen		26						
Miss A. Hildebrand		26						
Miss S. Hildebrandt			24					
Miss N. Spalding			25					
Miss H. Neufeld				23				
Miss S. Enns				25				
Miss R. Heppner					44			
D. Friesen						34		
J. G. Siemens							42	
J. E. Dyck								39
Totals by Grades	50	52	49	48	44	34	42	39

Total enrollment—358



I. C. Hiebert, Collegiate Janitor

In Memoriam



Mr. C. Sawatzky

*Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou
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*I will make thee ruler over many things: enter
thou into the joy of thy Lord.*

—Matth. 25:21.

Mr. Cornelius Sawatzky will be remembered by his many friends as a faithful servant. For thirty-two years he served the students and teachers as caretaker of the Altona Schools. Mr. Sawatzky worked conscientiously to keep the school buildings and grounds clean and tidy. He took great pride in his work and he tried to instil this pride in all those he associated with. His steadfast devotion to duty kept him at his post from early morning until late at night. The Master found His servant at his work one morning and He called him from his labors, to labor no more. May Mr. Sawatzky's many acts of kindness to each and everyone of us, linger in our hearts as a memorial to our friend. Teachers, students and trustees who worked with Mr. Sawatzky, will join in extending sincere sympathy to Mrs. Sawatzky and family.

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Miss Kathy Klassen
Grade I-B



Miss Tina Thiessen
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Miss Agnes
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Hildebrandt
Grade III-A

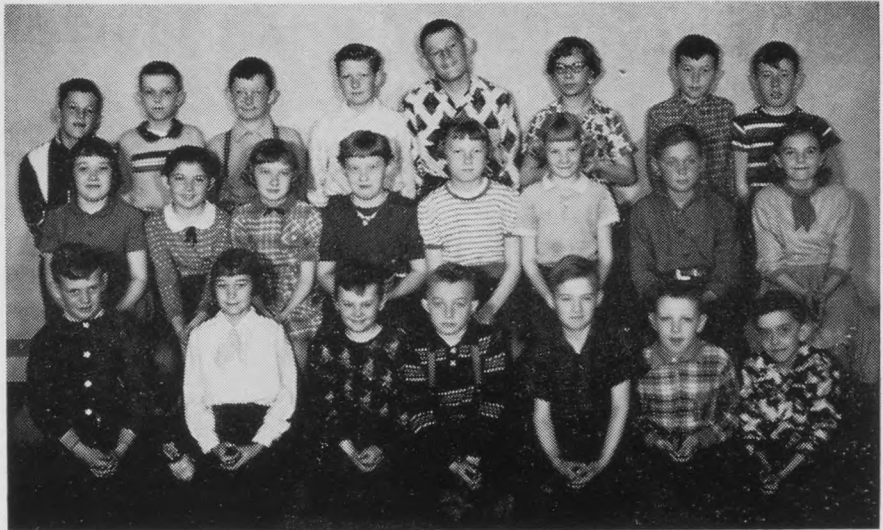


Miss Norma
Spalding
Grade III-B

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Miss Helen Neufeld
Grade IV-A



Miss Sylvia Enns
Grade IV-B



Miss Rosella
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Grade V



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Mr. Dave Friesen
Grade VI



Mr. J. G. Siemens
Grade VII



Mr. J. E. Dyck
Grade VIII



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We are living in an exciting, fascinating and also frightening age. The technical and material advances of the recent past have been tremendous, and the rapid changes resulting thereby cause constant adjustment to be made. Each new generation growing up must confront and attempt to resolve the problems facing it. Basic to gaining a proper perspective of our age and its peculiar problems is a study of our past with particular attention to the causes that lead to our particular situation. One of the great problems of today is the increasing secularization that threatens to invade every sphere of our lives. It is one of the most important duties of the present-day collegiate teacher to see to it that the spiritual values of our Christian faith be so instilled in the minds of our youth that they be a light and a guide in the uncharted path of the future. Especially is this true and important in a community such as ours that has such a rich Christian heritage to draw from. To all of those that are growing up: be grounded in faith; establish goals and aims early in life guided by Christian principles; be conscious of your spiritual heritage, and no matter how hopeless the outlook you will have an anchor in life and can say with the Psalmist:

"Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

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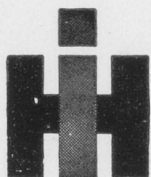
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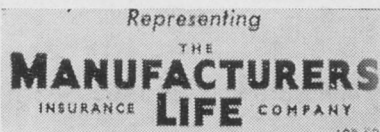


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